



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Be Inspired at Zen Open Day**

Johnny Leung – host, co-owner and manager of Zen Garden, announced today there will be an Open Day to showcase the property. The open day is scheduled for Friday, 29 June 2012 and will run on an open format from 9am through until 4pm.

The open day will showcase the venues, the grounds, one of our team building partners Cutting Edge Corporate Developments, and the two catering providers – The Difference and Let's Eat Catering while also allowing guests to meet Philip Reynolds (of The Difference) our Michelin starred private chef at Zen.

Georgina Torrington of Velox Group (NZ) Ltd who represents Zen Gardens in the corporate meetings, events and conference market place has encouraged this initiative in order to highlight one of the most spectacular event settings in Auckland. We are keen for any event planners, personal assistants, and the like to come and view this exciting venue, as it truly does need to be seen to be believed.

Located just 40 minutes from central Auckland and 25 minutes from Auckland International Airport Zen Garden is the ideal venue for conferences, board meetings, strategic planning days or company picnics

Event customers at Zen have the choice of two catering companies, The Difference and Let's Eat. The Difference boasts a proud fourteen year history, producing a consistently high product under the leadership of Michelin-starred chef Philip Reynolds and his wife Stephanie. Let's Eat Catering is owned and operated by Odette and Chris Ah Chee and is one of Auckland's most trusted names in event catering services.

Zen Gardens has two conference spaces. The Waikopua Lodge which can cater for up to 70 people theatre style or 150 people cocktail style and the Theatre Room which can easily accommodate 50 people theatre style or 60 people cocktail style. A multitude of outdoor (covered and uncovered) break out areas is available.

The Zen Garden property is set in a 75 acre native forest including 20 acres of Zen inspired gardens, manicured lawns and open spaces perfect for outdoor events, team development and break out areas. On site you'll find marked walking trails, tennis courts, petanque and a movie theatre. Team development activities can be created especially for you by Cutting Edge Corporate Development or for pure relaxation a swim spa and sauna are available along with an extensive massage menu.

The Waikopua Lodge (the main venue) at Zen Garden was designed and constructed according to the Shogunate (government) style house built in Kyoto during the Muromachi period (1336 – 1572 AD). The open high-ceiling architecture creates a spacious and free flowing environment which features solid granite and timber beams. Large floor to ceiling continuous sliding doors with cedar and rimu frames seamlessly connect the interior of the Lodge with the surrounding landscape. This stunning borderless design makes the most of one of Auckland's best elevated panoramic vistas and is destined to have event guests feeling inspired, uplifted and perhaps even renewed.

Accommodation is provided lodge style for a maximum of 12 people (twin sharing) in a range of boutique Suites & Cabins. The Season Suites offer stunning hill top views to Rangitoto and over the Waikopua Estuary while the Hunting Cottage built in 1977 offers views out across the Gardens, Ponds and sculptures.

For more information about Zen Garden or the Open Day on Friday 29 June please visit stand 510 at Meetings 2012 or [www.zengarden.co.nz](http://www.zengarden.co.nz) .

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